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# EDITORIAL

Thank-you to everyone who has sent items to me for the magazine this month. For the first time, I have received more than I needed, so you will have to wait until next month for the contribution from the TWPCBGMC about the Unknown Knight. There's no prizes for working our what those initials stand for btw!

Last month's article, **Farming in Times Gone By** prompted one of our postal subscribers, Bill Watkins to write to me. Having enjoyed the article he wanted to add that in the late 1940's he remembers the Traction Engine, Drum and Elevator arriving at Sacrewell each year. *'The Thrashing Set was owned by a Mr Gibbons of Castor and it was always operated by Mr Bill Coles of 5 Great North Road, Thornhaugh, who was at the time our neighbour as we lived at Number 3, which is now the PGRO site. It was all set up quite near Sacrewell Mill and horses and carts were used to transport the corn for storage.'* Thank-you Bill, for sharing your memories. I visited Sacrewell today and some of those carts are still on display in the shelter near to the mill. It must have been some sight to see the machines working.

I am realistic in accepting that this magazine is not read by everyone that it is distributed to, and for many people now, their only source of information is the internet and social media. We do published the magazine online and you can find all back copies and the latest edition at [www.livingvillagesmagazine.co.uk](http://www.livingvillagesmagazine.co.uk) But do you think we should have Facebook page or other similar presence as well??

**Tracy Sortwell**

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# WORSHIP OCTOBER 2018

<b>St Leonard's, Apethorpe</b>		
7th	11.00am	Holy Communion
21st	11.00am	Holy Communion

<b>St Kyneburgha, Castor</b>		
7th	10.15am	Holy Communion
14th	10.15am	Holy Communion
21st	10.15am	Holy Communion
28th	10.15am	Holy Communion

<b>St Mary's and All Saints, Nassington</b>		
7th	8.15am	Holy Communion BCP
	11.00am	Harvest Festival followed by Harvest Lunch
14th	9.30am	Holy Communion
21st	9.30am	Holy Communion
28th	9.30am	Holy Communion and Sunday School
	6.00pm	Evensong

<b>St John the Baptist, Stibbington</b>		
14th	9.30am	Harvest Thanksgiving followed by Bring & Share supper

<b>St Michael and All Angels, Sutton</b>		
14th	9.00am	Family Service
28th	9.00am	Holy Communion

<b>St Andrew's, Thornhaugh</b>		
7th	9.30am	Joint Parish Harvest Festival
21st	9.30am	Holy Communion

<b>St Mary's, Wansford</b>		
<i>Every Wednesday 10.00am Morning Prayer</i>		
14th	9.30am	Holy Communion With Choir
28th	9.30am	Morning Praise

<b>St Mary Magdalene, Yarwell</b>		
7th	5.30pm	Harvest Festival followed by Harvest Supper
14th	11.00am	Holy Communion
21st	3.00pm	Methodist Service
28th	11.00am	Holy Communion

<b>St Remigius, Water Newton</b>		
7th	6.00pm	Harvest Festival and Patronal Service followed by a light buffet

<b>St Mary's, Woodnewton</b>		
7th	9.30am	Holy Communion
14th	6.00pm	Harvest Festival
21st	9.30am	Morning Praise
28th	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP

**THANK YOU!** A huge thank you to everyone involved in our exhibition weekend at Thornhaugh in September, particularly to Liz Kemp whose idea and vision was realised in such a wonderful way in a fascinating exhibition and up-lifting Songs of Praise. Thank you to those who helped set up, loaned photographs, decorated the church, provided cakes and acted as stewards and welcomers and chose hymns for the Songs of Praise and even spoke about them. And a special thank you as well to Liz Bolderston who played a huge number of hymns on the Sunday! It was wonderful to see the church for the weekend in this way. The weekend was, very appropriately, in aid of the Peterborough Light Project (*Editors note - more on page 10*) which does such good works on the streets of Peterborough.

**Rev Jane Tailby**

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One ancient tradition which is still followed in Castor is the ringing of the Passing Bell. This involves the tolling of one of the church bells to mark the death of a resident of the village. Before the advent of modern communication this was the way that the death of a villager was made known to the village community. Traditionally the bell is rung three times to mark the death of a male villager and twice to mark the passing of a female. Following a pause, the bell is then rung a number of times, the exact number corresponding to the person's age at the time of their death. There then follows a further pause before a final three rings for a man and two for a woman. This pattern of ringing the bell meant that it was often possible for people to work out the name of the person whose death the tolling announced.

Today the news of a death tends to be shared very quickly using more modern means of communication. In view of this the tradition of ringing the Passing Bell seems out of date and unnecessary. However, the poignant tolling of a bell ringing out over Castor village is a reminder that we are a community and that our lives are bound together. The death of a fellow villager, even someone we may not have known, is something that affects us all.

This idea was taken up by the seventeenth century Metaphysical Poet John Donne in a series of meditations and prayers that he wrote following his recovery from a near fatal illness. Donne was the Dean of St Pauls Cathedral in London at the time he wrote these reflections on health, pain and sickness which were published in 1624. Meditation XVII includes the now famous lines:

*"No man is an Iland, intire of itselfe; every man  
is a peece of the Continent, a part of the maine;  
if a Clod bee washed away by the Sea, Europe  
is the lesse, as well as if a Promontorie were, as  
well as if a Manor of thy friends or of thine  
owne were; any mans death diminishes me,  
because I am involved in Mankinde;  
And therefore never send to know for whom  
the bell tolls; It tolls for thee.*

Donne's words became the inspiration for the title of the famous novel written by Ernest Hemingway "For whom the Bell Tolls". This novel was based upon Hemingway's experiences during the Spanish Civil War. The point he wished to make by the choice of his title was that this war was not just an event of importance to Spaniards; it was something that matters to everyone.

Both Donne's poem and Hemingway's novel make the important point that, no matter how independent we try to be, we all depend on each other. However much we might strive to manage on our own, there will come a time when we will need the help of others. In the same way there will also be occasions when other people will depend upon us. This mutual interdependence is what characterises human society and when it works well it establishes a strong sense of community.

## **Thornhaugh and Wansford PCC are looking for a new PCC Secretary.**

We need someone who will take and produce our Minutes, be a contact point for correspondence and help prepare material for meetings and our annual meeting. There are people to help and provide training, and you don't need to be familiar with the ways of the Church of England. The secretary can be a member of the PCC, or a non-voting honorary secretary. We meet 4 times a year in Wansford during the evening and once for our annual meeting on a Sunday morning for our annual meeting. If you think you could help us, please contact Rev. Jane or one of the church wardens whose contact details are on the church pages of this magazine.

## **FRIENDS OF ST REMIGIUS WATER NEWTON**

### **HARVEST FESTIVAL - 7th October**

Our next service at St. Remigius will take place on Sunday 7th October at 6 pm.

This is our annual combined Harvest Festival and Patronal Service and all from our villages are most welcome. As this is our Harvest Festival, we will gratefully receive any tinned or dried foods.

All food donations will be delivered to the Peterborough Food Bank.

Following the service, we will enjoy a light buffet and refreshments. We will request a small donation towards the supper.

We do hope that you will be able to come along.

*Tony Capon*

## **ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, STIBBINGTON**

### **Stibbington Churchyard; Sunday the 28th October**

It's that time of year again for the churchyard clear up, and getting it smart for the winter.

If anyone is free for two hours to give a hand it would be great to see you. Please bring along secateurs, hedge shears wheel barrows, the children are always welcome to come along, we shall be having a biscuit break as usual in the church porch.

We meet at 10 am until noon, looking forward to seeing you.

*Suzy Story*

### **HARVEST THANKSGIVING**

Come and join us on **Sunday 14 October at 6pm** when we plan to share a faith supper following our **Harvest Thanksgiving** service, bring some food and share in our friendship and fellowship - you will be assured of a very warm welcome

*Carol Lindsay*

## FRIENDS OF ST MARYS AND ST ANDREWS

We have had a very busy month. On August 25<sup>th</sup> we ran a very successful **cake stall at the local Horticultural Show.**

**The Coffee Stops** too have been most enjoyable and very rewarding. All proceeds will be divided equally between our two churches and our missionaries. At the time of writing this report, there will be the last one of these to take place on September 26<sup>th</sup>. This will be in aid of the **Parkinson's Society.** We hope to be running these Coffee Stops **again in the Spring,** as they have proved very popular.

On September 15<sup>th</sup> The Friends provided refreshments at **the Photography Exhibition at Thornhaugh Church.**

**On October 13<sup>th</sup> we are hosting our annual HARVEST LUNCH at 12.30 in the Christie Hall.** [see poster]

This will be in aid of the Christmas Meal for the local Salvation Army as in previous years. Tickets are £10 and can be bought at Caroline Ashley (782408) or Dora Baker (782519). We look forward to seeing the usual "full house", as it has proved very popular over the years and is such a lovely way of providing a Christmas meal to those who could otherwise not afford one.

Looking even further ahead, we have booked The Christie Hall for our

**Annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday November 24<sup>th</sup>.**

More about that in the next "Living Villages".



**Dates of our Meetings during October:** October 3<sup>rd</sup> and October 17<sup>th</sup> at 10.30 in the Community Hall after Morning Prayer at 10 a.m.

***Dora Baker.***



### HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thornhaugh and Wansford Churches are celebrating a joint Harvest Festival this year at St. Andrew's Thornhaugh.

The service is on 7th October at 9.30am.

All are welcome as we give thanks for the agricultural life of our villages and God's gifts to us in creation.

***Rev. Jane***

# Photo Exhibition at Thornhaugh Church

A big thank you to Liz Kemp and her team who put on an amazing photographic display at Thornhaugh Church in aid of the Winter Night Shelter. We, at Light Project Peterborough, are so grateful for your donations as without your help our rough sleepers would not survive our cold winters. Last year we had 46 referrals resulting in 42 guests staying more than one night, and were open every night for 13 weeks from December to beginning of March. We trained mentors to support the men and women in their journey beyond street life and some of our guests are now in paid employment or volunteering. We also opened a day centre during the very cold spell to feed and shelter those in need. This year we are seeking to cover 16-20 weeks, to provide evening meals, bed and breakfast, as well as support and help to move on.

As the new chair of Light Project Peterborough I thought you may wish to know what else we are doing!

The charity was set up in 2013 to demonstrate Jesus' love through action. A chaplaincy was set up on the streets of the city centre and for several years we have been working in pubs listening to people and helping where we can, offering prayer and an insight into the salvation Jesus offers everyone. Our aim is to show Christian love to the lonely and those with issues. People come in to see us now asking for prayer and support in times of sickness, bereavement, unemployment etc.

More recently we have been working with the Council and the Cathedral to set up the Garden House Project, which will provide a warm, loving environment that will enable those that are marginalised to engage with a range of services such as housing, medical, financial advice, hair dressing, foot care and others. We hope to open the centre in October and seek donations for both this new project and the night shelter.

A smaller project is called Across Peterborough, which is a regular newsletter aimed at informing churches and individuals about the many events taking place in the Peterborough area. This free publicity has been warmly welcomed by the wider community. We will be looking for a new administrator for this project in the new year.

Most of our project are led and run by volunteers, keeping our costs down. Last year, Thornhaugh and Wansford PCC kindly donated money towards our minibus, which has been a great success. Please contact me if you wish to donate or volunteer on any of the projects.

Maureen Woodd

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# MUSICAL EVENING WITH A DIFFERENCE

Over the last 2 years Concerts with a variety of different types of music have been held in Thornhaugh and Wansford Churches to raise funds for good causes.

The next event will be on **FRIDAY 2ND NOVEMBER** and breaks new ground as a **FOLK EVENING** with a difference.

The headline act is the well know local Folk Group The **Lincolnshire Poachers** who perform Good Old English Folk Songs with a lot of fun in the mix.

They will be supported by a return visit of Fellacapella the harmony acapella group with a diverse repertoire of brand new material.

The evening will be opened by Wansford Community Choir conducted by Eddie McDonnell singing special arrangements of traditional folk songs from around the United Kingdom.



Tickets £10 (children £5) include a drink on arrival and are available from Wansford Post Office, Caroline (01780 782408), Alan (01780783205) Proceeds will go to charities supported by St. Mary's Church

# Get a taste of farm life at Sacrewell!

**Sacrewell has long been a local institution; open for more than 40 years, generations have flocked to see the farm animals. However, Sacrewell now has a renewed focus on education, and particularly on extending the offer of adult education and keeping rural skills alive.**

In addition to all the farm fun, Sacrewell is running several workshops this year, from Christmas Countryside Candles (4th November), to embroidered decorations (17th November) and woodcarving (selected Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays), there's something for everyone, irrelevant of previous experience. The blacksmith in residence, Dave, also runs workshops every Tuesday; he has a wealth of iron-work skill and can teach you how to create several

items - everything from metal hooks to flowers and fire pokers that you can then take home at the end of the session.

Sacrewell also support Nene Coppicing and Crafts, a group dedicated to promoting heritage woodland management skills, conservation and traditional crafts. The group demonstrate willow work and green woodworking the second and fourth Wednesday of each month in their courtyard workshop.

**To find more information about the workshops visit Sacrewell's website [www.sacrewell.org.uk](http://www.sacrewell.org.uk) or pop in and speak to the welcome team - they'll be happy to help book you onto a course.**



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## October activities at Sacrewell



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## STIBBINGTON CENTRE NEWS

This is going to be a particularly busy term at the Centre since we are fully booked with day visits from schools up until Christmas! Looking at this page around the same time last year, we were seeking additional trustees for the *Stibbington Centre Greener Future Trust*. Our three new trustees are now in place and bringing their new energy into the team.



### Stibbington Community Classes

We are hoping to welcome Lewis Hall back for a singing workshop on **Sunday, 25th November**. With great feedback including comments such as ...*"Fantastic, excellent workshop, great fun. Lewis is brilliant, enthusiastic, encouraging-would attend any workshop he delivers."* ...you can see why! Workshop date and further details will be confirmed by the beginning of November.



#### CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP

**Saturday 1st December 13:30—16:30 £35**

In this half day workshop you will use the rag rug method to make a tactile festive wreath. You will learn all the rag rug basics – how to use the equipment, how to select and prepare materials and the technique for the two types of rag rugging: loopy and shaggy! You will be provided with everything you need to get started and sufficient materials (including your own latch hook) to take home, to finish your wreath.

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# FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

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Oundle Box Office - 01832 274919 or 01780 782200



# Communicare

(Wansford & Kings Cliffe Surgery Patient Group)

We held our 38th Annual General Meeting last month and welcomed Dr Rhiannon Nally and Ms Annette Johnson, representing the practice and eleven patients.

The officials report which covered activities of the group over the past twelve months was presented to the meeting along with the statement of account for the year ended 31st July 2018 submitted by the Treasurer who was unfortunately unable to attend due to ill health. His report drew attention to a number of points including the transfer of the bank account to Barclays due to the closure of the Norwich & Peterborough Building Society. He had also prepared a listing spanning the past 38 years showing almost £98K had been provided by the group for the purchase of equipment. These funds are raised both by donation and various activities, but over the past year the level of donations was down. However he confirmed a small increase in the value of the Charifund Units held by the group but recommended that this asset should only be used in extreme circumstances. The Chairperson also extended thanks to Mr & Mrs Reilly of Kings Cliffe for their donation raised by holding a coffee morning.

There being no nominations, the attending officials were returned to office for a further year but Mrs Wagstaffe stated that she was only willing to serve for one more year and will be relinquishing her role as chairperson at next year's AGM. With regard to the Treasurer's position, Mr Gilbert Markley was willing to continue in office but he would not be able to attend meetings and the post should therefore be offered to the meeting. Mrs Lindsey Freeman indicated that she was willing to take over the role and was formally nominated and elected. Mrs Wagstaffe on behalf of the officials and the meeting extended very warm gratitude to Gilbert for all his hard work and commitment over the many years he had been treasurer. Following a request, Mrs Heather Gough agreed to become an officer with no specific role and was duly thanked.

A proposal was accepted to cease circulating minutes of meetings (with the exception of the AGM) to the patient email list and replace with a short report, similar to that published in the village magazines. DNAs were still running at around 70 per month and this was highlighted in the surgery's seasonal newsletter and on the website. Dr Nally suggested a possible better method of directing incoming telephone calls by way of a doctor's recorded message asking patients to give concise but clear details of their problem to enable receptionists to direct the call to the best adviser or book an appointment with the most suitable member of the team.

A letter had been received from Volunteer Action in Oundle regarding their ongoing assistance with patient transport. Although Northamptonshire based, they at present cover journeys outside the county and only charge the patient for mileage from their pickup point to destination – the costs of getting the transport to the patients location is covered by VA. Their current £5K annual running costs are funded from various authorities and donors. It was agreed that the group will donate £250 to ensure the continuation of this valuable service and Dr Nally will consult with Dr Takhar with a view to matching this sum from the practice.

Details were given of the forthcoming Yarwell & Nassington Britannia Band concert on 12th October from which Communicare will benefit as the nominated partnership charity. Sale of tickets, distribution of leaflets and organisation of the event's raffle were underway and offers of help on the night were gratefully accepted.

Future meetings for the coming year will continue quarterly with the first scheduled for Wednesday 28th November – several suggestions were tabled for possible speakers.

The social group had enjoyed a holiday in Devon last month and continue to meet monthly for a coffee morning at Kings Cliffe Active hall - next event Friday 19th October at 10.0am

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# WANSFORD HORTICULTURAL AND

We were so lucky to have a pleasantly warm, sunny day for our show, as there had been several heavy showers the day before, and the day after was exceedingly wet.



Disappointing that entries were down on last year, although the number of people entering was roughly the same and the standard was high. However the hot, dry summer obviously took its toll on many classes.



On a positive note, by mid afternoon the field was buzzing with people enjoying the Yarwell and Nassington Britannia Band and the Wansford Ukelele Folk who provided more music while the band members had their break. The Tea tent and bottle tombola proved very popular too and, along with the raffle, returned significantly higher profits than last year, helping us to cover the not

inconsiderable cost of running the show.

The stalls, Fun Dog Show and Classic Car line-up were popular too, and our new venture into providing a Kiddies' Corner, with Hoopla, Hook - a Duck, Tin Can Alley, a Buzzwire and especially SPLAT the RAT! was a great success, not only with the children I might add! Thanks to Mat for sourcing it and Lisa and Phil Chambers for running it so entertainingly.



Another new element in the show was the display of 18 local gardens competing for the Marina Kruger Cup, which Steve Kruger has presented to the society in memory of Marina. These were judged by a People's Choice vote on the day and created a lot of interest. Dora Baker's lovely cottagey garden (number 8) was the winner.



# CRAFTS ANNUAL SHOW 2018

Of course none of this would happen without the society's extremely hard working committee - in alphabetical order Anna, Ian, Keith, Liz, Mandy and Quentin, I salute you!

And we couldn't achieve what we do without the support of our active members who back us up with help distributing schedules, collecting bottles, erecting/dismantling our marquees, serving on stalls, stewarding judges to name just a few activities - again in alphabetical order and hoping I haven't missed anyone: Annette, Bridget, Elin, Gary, Harriet, Janet, Janice, Lyn, Marcus, Martin, Mat, Rhona, Trevor and Vivien. Thank you all so much!



I start this with a big thank you, over 300 bottles was collected for the bottle tombola. I am sure you would have read this already in Gill Fishers page. As a committee member and a village resident the village show is a great tradition. This year our committee and helpers from all over the village including Liz from Orton and Keith and Judith from Glapthorn. We would love to welcome more people to join us on our committee, please contact Gill or any committee member. I must just say it was great to see the cricket club join us this year. They are part of our village life again more players required. We put the show on but you come and support us on the day which is great to see the village young and old, with a pint or a pimm's tea or coffee. The music local Nassington and Yarwell brass band and our very own Ukulele band bring joy to us all. Happy Birthday was played to Colette our very own Cross Keys Land lady. So once again from me as a committee member and a village resident here's to 2019 village show. Thank you

**Mandy Veni**



Quite apart from helping us financially to stage the show, our sponsor, Sue Arnold, adds so much to the day by her personable approach to the presentation of awards. She makes every single one of the 36 recipients feel special and reassures the youngest winners, who could find receiving a trophy in front of so many people rather daunting. It was good to see Sue on the receiving end of several awards herself this year along with the other members of her family. Thank you!

**Gill Fisher**

The very second that I set off for the Wansford Horticultural Show in August, it started to rain. A fleeting shower luckily and following my marathon search for a car parking space, the sun came out and shone for the rest of the afternoon.

Having left the dog at home, (not wanting to sweep the board at the dog show, you know...) I started off in the marquee to inspect the exhibits and I have to admit that I was a bit shocked at the harsh criticism levelled at some of the runners up in the cakes and biscuits categories. Crushingly, one cake was considered by the judge to have "Ginger icing that overpowers a nice cake." And one beautiful little gingerbread man, carefully baked by a nine year-old was considered to be "Not crisp enough". Well who would be after sitting in a tent for hours on end?

I know this is the way of judges the length and breadth of the country at country shows, and perhaps because I'm not the world's best baker and am still a little bitter at having come second with a chocolate cake in 2013, honestly, a little encouragement from the judge would have been less traumatising for these two entrants.

In the craft session, was a knitted wedding bouquet, who knew there was such a thing? It was beautiful and continuing the theme, a knitted lamp standard and shade, which makes me wonder if they'd been created by the Wansford Yarn Bomber(s)? Equally impressive were the fruit and vegetables that had been so lovingly grown and displayed for everyone to envy.

There is nothing more English than this, I thought, as I sat with my back to a generator to eat my hot dog (tomato sauce, definitely not brown). I got occasional whiffs of petrol, mingled with trampled grass as I watched the goings on. A blue sky with occasional grey clouds, majestic chestnut trees, some people still in summer mode in shorts and others dressed for a possible hurricane. The Yarwell and Nassington Brass Band lifting spirits with swing tunes, dogs of all shapes and sizes dragging owners around the show ground, it was a perfect summer afternoon.

It can be startling sometimes to overhear people's conversations, especially when you only catch a few words, but this snippet took some beating: "We've just come back from the North Pole, we went on a Russian ice breaker." Or this one: "When she told me, I nearly passed out..." now that's the one I wanted to know more about.

I heard that one in the main tent while I was 'judging' the 'Most Pleasing Garden' competition. Held in memory of Marina Kruger, judges had visited the gardens that had been entered and photographed them. Then, two images were displayed of each garden and show goers could vote for their favourite. I think Marina would have loved that.

Just going back to the dog thing. I nipped home to fetch mine after I'd finished trying to steal the sloe gin entries in the marquee. Walking past the RSPB stand, the very nice young man on the stand who must have thought that I looked like a likely candidate to sign up there and then, bent down to my dog and said: "What is it?" Slightly affronted (she cost a fortune) I was tempted to tell him it was 'a dog', but instead confessed that it was, in fact, a border terrier in desperate need of a haircut and no, she hadn't won anything in the dog show, thank you for asking.

So another Wansford Horticultural Show where I didn't win anything then. But a wonderful afternoon that brings a community together in a village tradition that must never be allowed to end.

## SIBSON - CUM - STIBBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Sibson Parish Council met on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018 – all Cllrs were present. County Cllr S Bywater, Mr D Noble, Peterborough Cycle West and 5 members of the public were also present.

The meeting commenced with a presentation from Mr David Noble of Peterborough Cycle West Project, where it was explained where the route should be, and showed plans to those present.

### **Issues raised:**

The subject of Hutchinsons Yard was raised yet again, and Cllr. Bywater gave an update of some progress. Two residents attended the meeting, and showed obvious distress about the ongoing situation, and lack of support from The environment Agency.

Flooding of Chapel Lane – 6 photos produced area of PE8 6LR and given to Cllr Bywater, site visit to be arranged with various parties.

Fly tipping problem going towards Nene Valley Railway (huge pile of fly tipping) resident will report via on line system and will contact Cllr Beuttell if do not get a response.

Lorries – Signage (no entrance to HGV's/7.5 ton weight limit. Question re police presence at times.

Neighbourhood Watch – information received from areas already running scheme.

Continual overflow of waste from bin sited on the bridge reported by resident.

Defibrillators – Community Heartbeat Trust scheme favoured. Cllr Beuttell moving project forward.

Wansford Cricket Club have asked the Parish Council for monetary assistance in the replacement of the roof on the Cricket Pavilion. This is being considered, and further information was requested.

### **Planning Applications:**

18/01399/HHFUL – 20 London Road – demolition of porch and insertion of new window and changes to upper and lower windows on south elevation. Demolition of pitch roof and insertion of sliding doors to west elevation.

18/01757/LBC -12 Great North Road – replacement of two exterior upper floor rear windows with authentic hardwood replacements.

18/01340/LBC – new timber sash windows to replace existing PVC windows at first floor level (west elevation) and internal alterations.

No objections were raised on the above applications.

### **Littering in the Street and on Road Verges:**

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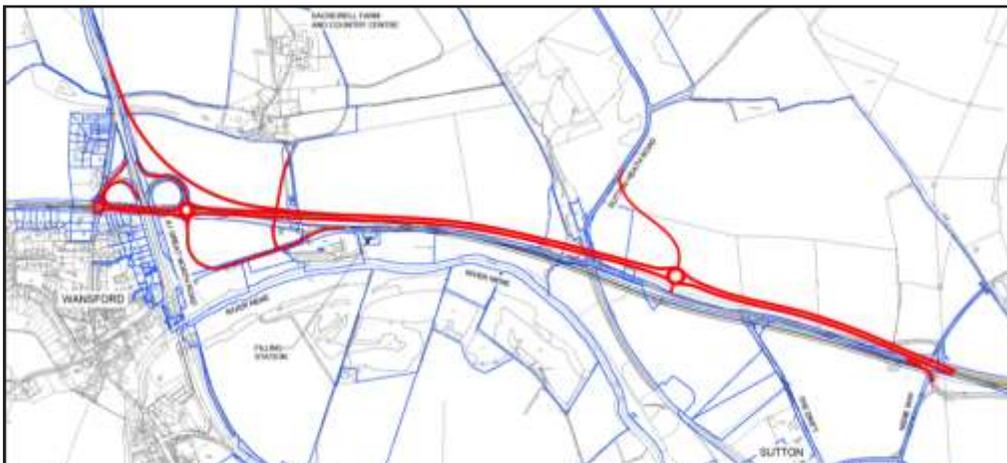
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Date of next meeting: Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018 commencing at 7 p.m.

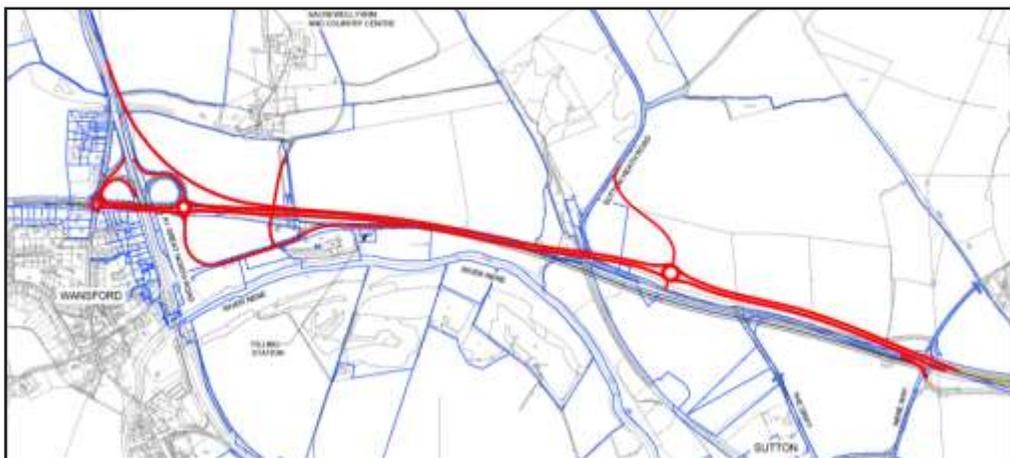
The formal public consultation for this significant road project has started and it is important that as many people as possible participate. When this consultation has ended, Highways England (HE) will then look at the results and submit their draft Development Control Order (DCO) for review by the Planning Inspectorate. The various statutory bodies, including the Parish Councils, can comment on the proposals to the Planning Inspectorate as can individuals who register to comment. This will happen in early 2019 and we will describe the procedure in more detail later. The Planning Inspectorate then makes a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Transport and the scheme, if approved, goes ahead.

Each household should have received a pack of information and notification of the dates of the various displays. Included in that pack is a questionnaire for responses. As is usual, the questionnaire is slanted towards approval of the HE preferred scheme but both Wansford and Sutton Parish Councils believe that the proposed scheme is fundamentally flawed. 62% of responses to the first non-statutory favoured the northern route but instead HE has developed the southern route which was only favoured by 9% of the responses.

At this Statutory Public Consultation Highways England insist that they can only show their preferred route for you to comment on. Therefore we need to advise the public of a perfectly viable option, acknowledged as such by Highways England but which they will only consider adopting if YOU, the public, insist upon it with your comments. The Parish Councils' first preference would be a route entirely to the north of the existing A47 as this preserves the Nene Valley and is the lowest cost solution. It also retains the existing road as a local service road and cycle route. This route would have to pass through the existing Scheduled Monument at Toll Bar Field (just west of the disused railway line) This has been opposed by Historic England so far but the status of the Scheduled Monument is under review as a result of a request by the Parish Councils



If this is not possible, the Parish Councils would favour a route which goes as close as possible around the south of the Scheduled Monument and then north of the existing road. Wansford and Sutton Parish Councils ask as many people as possible to take part in the consultation but to think carefully whether the route described by HE is the right one or whether a more northerly route is better.



Both these layouts protect the environment of the Nene Valley, allow the existing road to remain as a local feeder road and are cheaper than the HE preferred route.

The consultation response document takes the form of 13 questions. Each question has a tick box response section and a free form text section. Bearing in mind that the route HE are consulting upon is different from all the 3 original options, and that the PCs have continued to press for a more northerly route, we are most concerned that there is no specific question about the current alignment. Your opportunity to raise this is at *Question 9*.

**Q1** asks if you agree with the proposal for a new dual carriageway between Wansford and Sutton. Most people agree that the road should be upgraded but the route offered is not the right one.

**Q2** is about the access to Sacrewell Farm and most people would probably support this.

**Q3** covers the provision of a new slip road for southbound traffic on the A1 to join the A47 eastbound.

**Q4** discusses modifications to the western roundabout in Wansford. The proposals shown will have little impact on the performance of the roundabout but will allow much higher speeds through the roundabout. This will make joining at the top of Old North Road more dangerous and, in the evening peak period, there will be severe delays getting out of Old North Road or entering the roundabout from the west. The only solution to these problems is a whole new A1/A47 junction.

**Q5** asks about enlarging the Nene Way (Sutton) roundabout and putting part time traffic lights on it. No reason is given for the traffic lights and the roundabout is probably better located further west.

**Q6** shows the new road south of the existing A47. It requires extensive compulsory purchase and destroys a large number of trees covered by preservation orders. The Parish Council suggested route avoids both problems as the trees are saved and the land used is already in government ownership.

**Q7** relates to the closure of The Drift.

**Q8** covers the provision of a route for walking, cycling and horse riding. The Parish Council alternative provides these facilities with much less intrusion into the Nene Valley.

**Q9** is about the overall scheme and is the moment to say that the wrong route has been chosen.

**Q10** is about environmental impacts. The layout proposed by HE causes many environmental impacts which are avoided by using the northern route.

The remaining questions are about the quality of the consultation process.

**Richard Clarke**  
**Wansford Parish Council**



## WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**17 September 2018**

In attendance: John Stannage Chair, Cllr Tim Pearson, Cllr Richard Clarke, Cllr Martyn Handley, Cllr Graham Garner, Cllr Viv Thorley, Cllr David Johnson, and Wendy Gray Parish Clerk.

The council met a week later than usual so that all councillors could attend. The date change was displayed on the notice board. We apologise if anybody was not aware of this change.

The Council dealt with the following matters:-

### **Planning**

18/01451/CTR Removal of a split limb or the whole tree of horse chestnut in TPO area, No objection raised.

18/01562/TRE Removal of 9 trees and saplings to facilitate HE investigation of soils south of the A47 In Sutton Parish. Councillors considered this was an excessive removal of trees in an ancient woodland.

East Northants 18/1332/FUL Application to construct three "large" holiday villas In Old Sulehay, Councillors thought this area had inappropriate access, and on a dangerous "S" bend.

PCC asked for their minerals and waste plan to be considered it was noted that there appear to be no changes.

**Minutes** of the last meeting were approved.

**Wansford Community Hall** The refurbishment is imminent, unfortunately additional work totaling £1300 has been found. It was suggested this could be covered by using WCH reserves. WCH committee to meet and discuss.

**Highways** WPC are chasing for the 20MPH signs to be correctly adjusted. It was noted with concern that few vehicles take notice of the speed change. WPC to chase PCC over lack of white lines in the centre of the village and the removal of the A6118 road signs.

**A47 Dualling** WPC are still liaising with adjoining interested bodies to try and persuade Highways England not to construct part of the new road close to the river in the river valley obstructing the flood plain and altering the situation of this natural habitat. WPC urge everybody to attend HE presentations at the Haycock Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 1-8pm, or Sacrewell Thursday 4 October 1-8PM

**WPC Quality Status** WPC are close to achieving status.

**Future Village Plan** WPC are due to start consulting and considering Wansford Parish's future in respect of development and other matters, WPC are seeking to hear from other residents who would like to join in on this process. Those interested are requested to attend our next meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> October.

The next meeting of the Wansford Parish Council will be on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018** at 7.30pm in the Community Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend and participate.

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The current campaign to end plastic soup is also gathering pace. The WI hosted a plastic soup meet and greet at the Houses of Parliament which was attended by 30 MPs. Following on from that, they are hosting meetings to bring plastic manufacturers, washing machine manufacturers and politicians together at the beginning of October. We are hopeful that finally action will be taken to make a change.

We have a busy October in sight. Our 3C's craft, coffee and chat will take place on October 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at 10.00a.m. in the community hall. Our lunch club will be meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> October, and our normal monthly meeting will take place on October 9<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to attend any of these meetings, please do get in touch and we will be happy to meet you and welcome you to a meeting.

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When do you realise autumn is with us? The date, the changing colour of leaves, the nights are drawing in or just cooler days? To me the most obvious signs are the bright colours of fruits and berries in our hedgerows and gardens. If you have fruit trees in your garden you will probably notice you have a bumper crop of apples this year. My garden apple and pear trees are weighed down with fruit.

It is also a glorious year for wild fruits. Our hedgerows exhibit nature's own form of profusion with smaller but brighter colours, the jewels of the countryside. The haws of the hawthorn lead the way, surely larger and brighter this year, providing the backdrop to a kaleidoscope of red and orange hues. Rosehips, bright orange oval fruits, will attract birds for the next few months. Two climbing plants produce red berries, both poisonous. Strings of matt, crimson berries are produced by white bryony while similar groups of brighter red berries on darker green stems are from black bryony.

You will also find a number of shiny, black fruit in our hedges. Wild privet, or even garden privet if allowed to flower, has small clusters of black berries. Mature plants of ivy produce masses of greeny-black fruits as the plant smothers the lower branches of trees. Both are mildly poisonous but not as dangerous as the deadly nightshade's shiny black buttons which can occasionally be found near the base of hedgerows and woodland clearings. This and all the above plants are at best inedible but the bryonies and nightshade are particularly toxic and should be left well alone.

There are a number of wild apple trees in our hedgerows producing small, green, bitter apples but their only practical use is to produce a tasty jelly. There are three other plants that can be used in the kitchen or, in the case of the blackberry, eaten straight from the plant. The blackthorn, the hedge plant that flowers first in the year in February, produces sloes. These are small blue-black plum-like fruits covered in an attractive white waxy bloom: bitter when fresh but can be used to flavour gin to produce sloe gin, a warming Christmas drink. The common elder tree produces large clusters of creamy-white flowers in spring which develop to form juicy clumps of purple-black berries. These can be used to produce a tasty elderberry wine - and purple stained hands.

Finally I return to our most popular hedgerow fruit - the blackberry. There are many species of the wild blackberry or bramble, all producing plump sweet fruits when ripe. A rite of autumn is for families to go out picking the fruit, useful in pies, preserves or eaten fresh. All these colourful fruits are eaten by our wildlife over the autumn and winter months but they have developed mechanisms to deal with the poisonous bits. Blackberries are fine to eat but leave all other fruits in the in the hedge for others to enjoy the colours of autumn.



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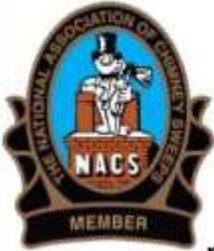
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Thur 4	A47 Project Exhibition	11.00am - 8.00pm	Sacrewell			
Fri 5	<b>WI 3C's Craft Coffee and Community</b>	10.00am	Community hall	Jan Armitage	<b>789996</b>	31
Mon 8	Wansford Parish Council	7.30pm	Community Hall	Wendy Gray	<b>01778 441312</b>	24
Tues 9	WI meeting	7.15pm	Community Hall	Jan Armitage	<b>789996</b>	31
Fri 12	Movie Night	7.00pm	Nassington Church			14
Sat 13	<b>Friends of St Mary's and St Andrew's Harvest Lunch</b>	12.30pm	Christie Hall	Dora Baker	<b>782519</b>	9
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Wed 17	WI Lunch Group			Jan Armitage	<b>789996</b>	31
Fri 19	Communicare Coffee Morning	10.00am	Kings Cliffe Active Sports Hall	Clare Wagstaff	<b>470437</b>	15
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